

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**May 18, 2016
12:00 p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Greg Evans, Chris Pryor

Councilors Absent: Mike Clark, Claire Syrett

Mayor Piercy opened the May 18, 2016, City Council work session.

1. WORK SESSION: Downtown Improvements – Old Lane Community College Building

Community Development Manager Denny Braud and Economic Development Planner Anne Fifield gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the old Lane Community College building, potential uses of the space, and funding alternatives.

Council discussion:

- Public/private partnerships are viable alternatives for this project.
- Every proposed project can be paid for without amending the Urban Renewal District.
- City shouldn't get involved in LCC property transactions.
- City has already collaborated with LCC on a joint project with great success.
- Expanding maker space footprint in downtown core is essential for growing businesses.
- Hands-on approach and partnerships have helped revive downtown; more is needed.
- Urban Renewal is a tool; put trust in the City Manager to use it appropriately.
- A youth center downtown is needed.

2. WORK SESSION: Climate Recovery Ordinance Update

Climate and Energy Analyst Matt McRae, Sustainability Liaison Ethan Nelson, and Engineer Matt Rodrigues gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing emissions from internal operations and reduction strategies.

Council discussion:

- Good to see numbers on actions the City has taken and will continue to pursue.
- Better and more frequent reporting is needed; transparency and community education and outreach is critical.
- Further research on the impacts of idling and emissions controls is needed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to direct the City Manager to develop a motion for City Council action on the June 27, 2016 meeting: (a) that adopts the proposed targets and benchmarks (proposed by staff at our November 23rd, 2015 Council meeting) that meets our two short-term goals of carbon neutrality for city operations by 2020, and 50% reduction in community-wide fossil fuel use by 2030; and (b) adopts a long-term community-wide goal of achieving 350 parts per million of CO₂ in the atmosphere by 2100. **PASSED 6:0.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:29p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder